

LINDERA MELISSAEFOLIUM IN ARKANSAS. An excellent description of *Lindera melissaefolium* (Walter) Blume (Lauraceae) and a detailed account of its known distribution in 1949 were given by Steyermark (Rhodora 51:153-162). He suggested that the shrub might some day be found in Arkansas because of its occurrence in adjacent Ripley County, Missouri. The discovery of an Arkansas locality in 1972 is not unexpected, therefore, but is here recorded in view of the extreme rarity of the species.

Several colonies representing hundreds of plants are now known from the northern part of Clay County, Arkansas. The area is a part of the Mississippi Embayment region and is characterized locally by a series of low woods in which swampy depressions are surrounded by sandy knolls. The shrub occurs in the water of these depressions, where it forms dense stands which average 2-4 feet in height. Some of the colonies occurring at the woods margins grow in close association with the rare and interesting Corkwood, *Leitneria floridana* Chapman.

Specific collection data for specimens from the Arkansas locality are as follows: CLAY COUNTY: Low woods having depressions with standing water surrounded by sandy knolls, Sect. 2, T21N, R4E, 10 June 1972 (with R. Davis), *Tucker* 9642 (UARK, NCU, APC).

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